Meet Famous Attorney

By William Francis

Members of Liberty Lobby's Board of Policy will have the opportunity to meet famed civil libertarian attorney Mark Lane at the lobby's upcoming 32nd birthday celebration.

Lane will be a featured speaker at the gathering, which will be held at the Stouffer Concourse Hotel in Arlington, Virginia (a Washington suburb) on the weekend of September 11-13.

Lane will present an overview of the pending cases that he is handling for Liberty Lobby. He will also give a recent history of Liberty Lobby's treatment in the courts. Cases involving the lobby have resulted in the creation of new law (particularly in the field of libel) and the modification of existing law.

A former member of the New York state Legislature, Lane is an internationally known author as well. His groundbreaking book, "Rush to Judgment," was a No. 1 best-seller that the Establishment tried for several years to prevent from being published. This book, the earliest and most often-cited examination of the Warren Commission investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, won Lane widespread acclaim.*

Lane has also been involved in probing the murder of "civil rights" leader Martin Luther King Jr. Lane represented King's accused killer James Earl Ray, in his quest for a jury trial to prove his innocence.

Those interested in attending the convention may phone Lois Petersen, secretary of Liberty Lobby's Board of Policy, for further information at (202) 546-5611; or write her at 300 Independence Ave. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003. ●

*"Rush to Judgment" is $14.95 from Liberty Library, 300 Independence Ave. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Prisoner: 'Railroaded'

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SPOTLIGHT

Answer this simple question: Was James Earl Ray found guilty of the April 4, 1968 murder of Martin Luther King Jr.?

If your answer is yes, you are wrong. Ray has never had a trial although he has been asking for one for 19 years. But the Establishment doesn't want a jury to decide his fate.

Ray contends he was set up. He says he was framed by high-level forces, which needed a scapegoat for their murder of King. His story has never been told to the American public.*

According to Ray, he was coerced to plead guilty by his own attorney, Percy Foreman, a high-powered Establishment lawyer whose main preoccupation appeared to be arranging contracts for the sale of the rights to the story of his defense of "the man who killed Martin Luther King."

Ray says that his attorney told him that if he didn't plead guilty Ray's aging father would be prosecuted on a 40-year-old charge by the Justice Department—which, of course, Ray wanted to prevent.

Under Tennessee law Ray had the right to withdraw his guilty plea and defend his innocence before a jury, but the court refused to permit him to do so.

The judges who ruled against Ray, time and again, have invariably been promoted. However, the one judge who did appear favorable to Ray's interests, Preston Battle, died suddenly in his office, of what was described as "cardiac arrest."

And former Tennessee Gov. Ray Blanton has revealed that Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), the lawmaker who chaired the special congressional committee "investigating" the King killing and the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and his brother Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, informed him (Blanton) of a plot to kill Ray to prevent him from testifying before that committee.

The state's key witness against Ray, Charles Stephens, an alcoholic derelict, gave testimony that was rebutted by two other witnesses, including Stephen's own common-law wife. (She was abducted and placed in a state mental hospital, with the court's approval, until after the case against Ray had been disposed of.)

No matter what your opinion of the fact is that Ray insists that he is not guilty of the crime for which he has been charged. He says he is a "political prisoner." And based upon the evidence

*"Tennessee Waltz" is Ray's new book revealing the conspiracy to pin the slaying on him and to cover up the truth about Dr. King's death. The book is edited by F. Tupper Saussy, who is himself a fugitive from political persecution. It is available for $10.95 from Liberty Library, 300 Indepen-